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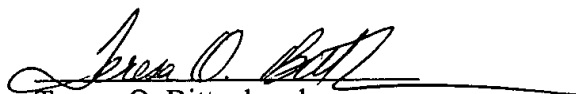
Election/Restriction

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (claims 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 40, 41 and 44, drawn to a polypeptide, fusion protein, vaccine and a method for inducing an immune response using a polypeptide. Further, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute SEQ ID NO:2.

Closing Remarks

Entry of the Response and Amendment and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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